

and deserves a new combination as follows:
Urginea rajii (Ansari) Deb et Dasgupta comb.
 nov.

Drimia rajii Ansari in Journ. Bombay nat. Hist.
 Soc. 78: 572. 1981.

As a new species has been added to the
 genus a revised key to the species is given:

KEY TO THE SPECIES

1a. Pedicels shorter than bracts; flowers few
 *U. polyphylla*

1b. Pedicels longer than bracts; flowers many
 2a. Pedicels 10-35 mm; racemes loose
 *U. indica*
 2a. Pedicels 4-8 mm; racemes dense
 3a. Bracts persistent, not squarred
 *U. polyantha*
 3b. Bracts evanescent, spurred
 4a. Capsule ovate-oblong; perianth 8-9
 mm long *U. rajii*
 4b. Capsule subglobose; perianth \pm 5
 mm long *U. congesta*

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A NEW SPECIES OF *LASIANTHUS* (RUBIACEAE) FROM BURMA¹

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(With a text-figure)

Lasianthus meeboldii sp. nov.

Species haec ab *L. curtisii* King et Gamble differt folio latiore, stipula brevior, inflores-

centia sessili, calyce dentibus minutibus, fructibusque pubescentibus.

Typus: Burma, Tenasserim, Yaundan, March, 1911, *A. Meebold* 14790 holo. CAL; Mergui, Sandawut reserve, 50', 31.1.1919, C. G. Rogers 440 m para. CAL.

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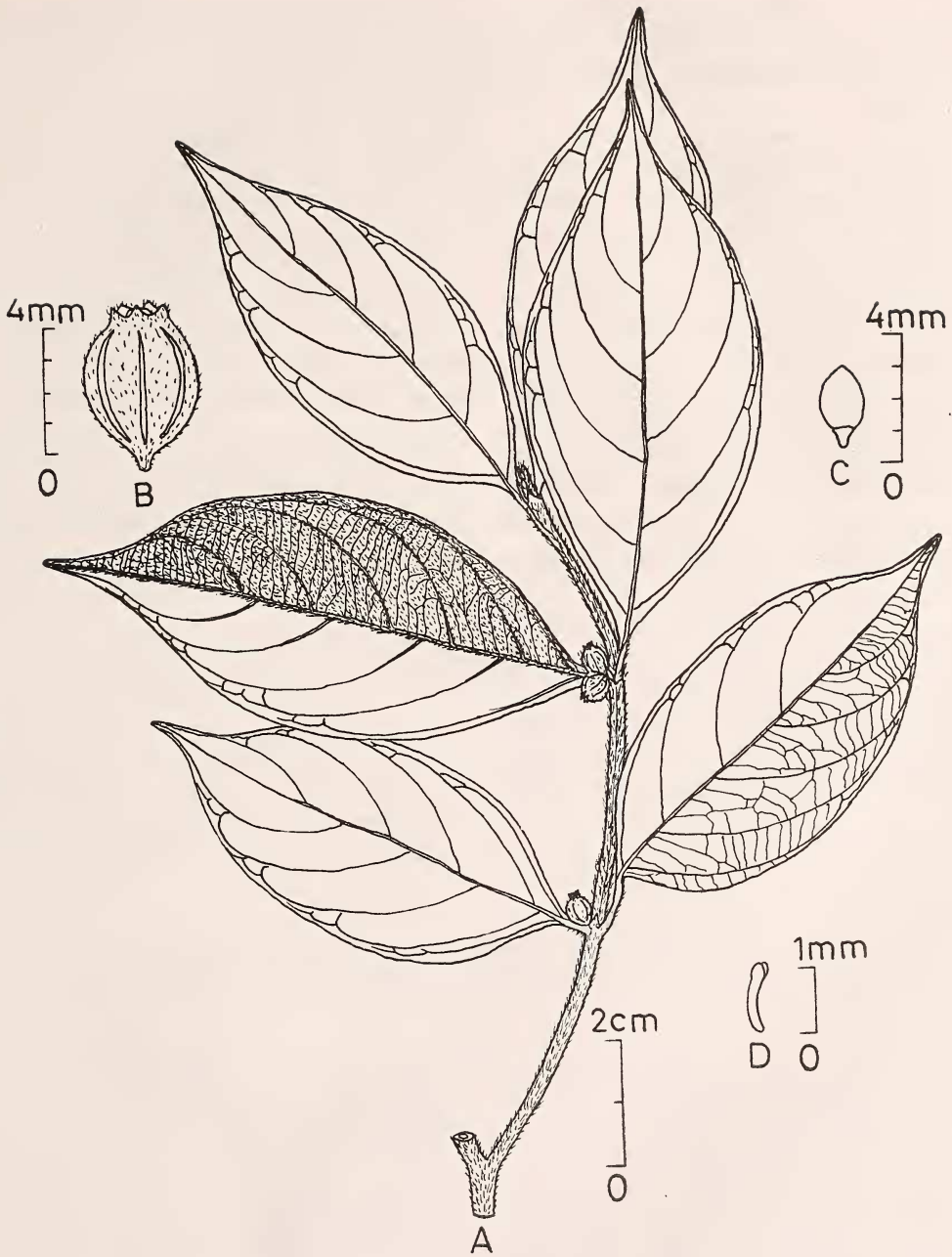


Fig. 1. *Lasianthus meeboldii* sp. nov.
A. Habit; B. Fruit; C. Seed; E. Embryo.

Differs from *L. curtisii* King et Gamble in broader leaves, sessile inflorescence, minute calyx teeth, shorter stipules and pubescent fruit amongst others.

Under shrubs 30-60 cm high; branchlets ferruginous pubescent; younger ones compressed, terete in age; raphides present. *Leaves* petiolate, 5-8 × 3-4 cm, more or less oblong, acuminate at apex, acute at base, slightly incurved at margin, subcoriaceous, glabrous above, ferruginous pubescent beneath; midrib conspicuous below; lateral nerves sub-opposite, 5-6 on either side, arcuate, faint above; nervules subparallel, forked, slender beneath; petioles 4-6 mm long, slender, pubescent; stipules deciduous, ± 1 × 1 mm, triangular, acute, pubescent. Inflorescence axillary, sessile,

fascicled, ebracteate. *Calyx* persistent; lobes 4 or 5, triangular, pubescent. Other parts of the flower not seen. *Fruits* blue, 2-3 × 2-3 mm, globose, ovoid, sessile, pubescent, crowned with persistent calyx lobes, slightly ridged and furrowed, without raphides; exocarp and mesocarp thin; endocarp thick; pyrenes 5, dorsally convex, ventrally angled. *Seeds* ± 2.5 × 1.5 mm, plano-convex, ellipsoid, acute at apex, smooth; albumen uniform; embryo ± 2 mm long; axis ± 1.7 mm long, semi-terete, shallow grooved at base; cotyledons ± 0.3 mm long, ovate, obtuse at apex; funicle short.

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